गोविन्द बल्लभ पन्त संस्थान, हिमाचल प्रदेश का निर्माण

7. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिला में मौहल नामक स्थान पर "गोविन्द बल्लभ पंत हिमालयन पर्यटन और विकास संस्थान" के निर्माणाधीन भवन की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है ;

(ख) 31 अक्तूबर, 1994 तक उस पर कुल कितनी धनराशि व्यय की जा चुकी है ; और

(ग) कितना निर्माण-कार्य पूरा हो गया है और कितना शेष है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) से (ग) हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू के स्थान पर "गोविन्द बल्लभ पंत हिमालयी पर्यटन और विकास संस्थान" नामक कोई संस्थान नहीं है। तथापि, हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले के मौहाल में गोविन्द बल्लभ पंत हिमालयी पर्यावरण और विकास संस्थान की एक इकाई के निर्माण के लिए प्रशासनिक अनुमोदन एवं व्यय संस्वीकृति पहले ही जारी की जा चुकी है। दरवाजे सहित इस स्थान के चारों ओर कांटेदार बाड़ लगाने का कार्य पहले ही पूरा हो चुका है। इस निर्माण कार्य के लिए उक्त संस्थान को 50 लाख रुपए की धनराशि जारी की गई है। मंत्रालय का सिविल निर्माण एकक योजना तैयार करने का कार्य कर रहा है और निर्माण कार्य लोक निर्माण विभाग को सौंपा गया है। 31 अक्तूबर, 1994 तक इस निर्माण कार्य पर 3 89 लाख रुपए की धनराशि खर्च की गई है। निर्माण कार्य हेतु निविदाएं आमंत्रित करने के लिए कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई है।

Plan to clean major rivers

8. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether plans have been formulated by Government to clean some major rivers in the country;

(b) if so, what are those major rivers identified therefore;

(c) the State-wise details thereof including river-wise plan and fund earmarked therefor; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Based on the proposals received from the concerned State Governments, National River Action Plan for pollution abatement of major national rivers in their identified polluted stretches has been formulated for seeking approval of the Government.

(b) to (d) A statement showing details of the works to be taken up in various towns located on the polluted stretches of rivers alongwith estimated cost of works is enclosed. (See Appendix 172, Annexure No. 1.)

Gir Lion Project in Gujarat

9. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of funds already spent by the Central Government in Gir Lion Project in Gujarat;

(b) what is the number of animals in this project area;

(c) what is the plan for the development of the project;

(d) whether it is a fact that some individuals indulging in unauthorised mining have devasted this sanctuary; if so, by when these activities would be stopped; and

(e) whether it is a fact that in spite of Government's apathy this Lion Project has a large number of lion therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The funds released by the Central Government for the development of Gir National Park and Sanctuary during VII Five Year Plan and in the last 4 years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Gir Sanctuary	Gir National Park
VII-Plan	16.61	15.366
1990-91	2.93	5.05
1991-92	7.13	0.10
1992-93	0.05	..
1993-94	12.85	..

(b) The last census of lions in Gir Forests was carried out in the year 1990 and the population of lions was 284.

(c) The Central Government will continue to provide financial assistance for the development of the Gir National Park and Sanctuary. At the same time efforts are being made to identify suitable habitats for establishing an alternate population of the lions.

(d) No such report has been received.

(e) The Asiatic lion which was once distributed throughout the country, is now restricted to the Gir forests of Gujarat. As a result of conservation measures taken up by the Central and State Governments, the population of lions has grown from about 50 in 1920 to 284 in 1990.

Pollution by sugar mills in the country

10. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of sugar units causing pollution in the country and location thereof (State-wise);

(b) the reason why anti-pollution measures have not been taken by those sugar mills;

(c) the action initiated against those mills so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As per information provided by the State Pollution Control Boards, there are 33 sugar units in the country which are not taking necessary steps to instal adequate pollution control facilities to comply with the prescribed standards. However, the degree of pollution caused from these units may not be the same, since there are different standards for discharge into surface water and on land. For instance, the Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) limit for discharge into surface waters is 30 mg/1 while for disposal on land it is 100 mg/1. Accordingly, the level of pollution control facilities to be provided by the unit varies depending upon the receiving body of the effluents. Moreover, among these, there are some units which are complying with the